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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying membership and other requirements applicable
2 to the Iowa utilities board.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 474.1, subsection 1, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A utilities division is created within the department
4 of commerce. The policymaking body for the division is the
5 utilities board which is created within the division. The
6 board is composed of ~~three~~ five members appointed by the
7 governor and subject to confirmation by the senate, not more
8 than ~~two~~ three of whom shall be from the same political party.
9 Each member appointed shall serve for six-year staggered terms
10 beginning and ending as provided by section 69.19. Vacancies
11 shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the
12 same manner as full-term appointments are made.

13 Sec. 2. Section 474.2, Code 2016, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **474.2 Certain persons barred from office — restrictions.**

16 1. No ~~A~~ person in the employ of any common carrier or other
17 public utility, or owning any bonds, stock or property in any
18 railroad company or other public utility shall not be eligible
19 to the office of utilities board member or secretary of the
20 utilities board; ~~and the.~~ The entering into the employ of
21 any common carrier or other public utility or the acquiring
22 of any stock or other interest in any common carrier or other
23 public utility by such member or secretary after appointment
24 shall disqualify the member or secretary to hold the office or
25 perform the duties ~~thereof~~ of the office.

26 2. A person shall not serve in any manner or be employed
27 by any common carrier or other public utility, or acquire
28 any bonds, stock, or property in any railroad company or
29 other public utility for at least two years following the
30 person's departure from the office of utilities board member or
31 secretary of the utilities board.

32 3. A person shall not be eligible to the office of utilities
33 board member or secretary of the utilities board for at least
34 two years following the person's departure from service as a
35 member of the Iowa general assembly.

1 EXPLANATION

2 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
3 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

4 This bill modifies membership and other requirements
5 applicable to the Iowa utilities board.

6 The bill increases the current number of members of the
7 board from three to five members and increases the limitation
8 on the number of members who are permitted to be from the same
9 political party from two to three members.

10 Additionally, the bill adds restrictions relating to
11 membership eligibility and actions after departure from
12 membership. The bill provides that a person is prohibited
13 from employment with any common carrier or other public
14 utility, or from acquiring any bonds, stock, or property in
15 any railroad company or other public utility for at least two
16 years following their departure from serving as a member of the
17 board or secretary of the board. Further, the bill provides
18 that a person shall not be eligible to become appointed to the
19 board or serve as secretary of the board for at least two years
20 following their departure from service as a member of the Iowa
21 general assembly.